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SUBJECT: USIA PROJECT ON VENEZUELAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

1. A MR. BEN WAISER OF THE WASHINGTON POST CALLED CHARGE LATE YESTERDAY EVENING TO SAY THAT HE WAS WORKING ON A STORY CONCERNING A USIA-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE VENEZUELAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH HE BELIEVED HAD OVERTONES OF THE CAMELOT PROJECT PROPOSED FOR CHILE IN 1965. CHARGE REPLIED THAT HE KNEW OF NO SUCH PROJECT ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY WAISER, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND TAKE A CALL FROM WAISER TODAY AT 10:30 A.M. CARACAS TIME. PAO INFORMS THAT THIS MUST REFER TO A PROPOSED USIA PROJECT DISCUSSED WITH HIM LONG BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR POST ON A POSSIBLE STUDY OF THE TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT OF THE U.S. IN THE VENEZUELAN HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM. PROJECT HAS NEVER BEEN DISCUSSED AT POST NOR PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL TO EMBASSY.

2. CHARGE RECEIVED DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT WAISER BELIEVED HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING OMINOUS AND COVERT, AND WAS NOT LIKELY TO BELIEVE IN THE INNOCUOUS NATURE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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